

Remarks/Argument

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants note that the Examiner has not considered references 73 and 74. These references are different editions of the ubiquitous Sambrook et al. manual on molecular cloning. As noted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 9, 2003 (which was received by the USPTO on July 14, 2003), copies of these references will not be forwarded to the USPTO since they are believed to be too voluminous, and in any case are likely easily obtained by the Examiner. In any case, references 73 and 74 can be considered as background material to the instant application.

Claim rejection

Claims 2 and 3 are pending in the application. Claim 3 is allowed, and claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by WO 01/94566 of Lexicon Genetics, Inc. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 2, and request reconsideration of this claim.

35 USC 102(e) states in pertinent part that (emphasis added):

an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for the purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application ***designated the United States*** and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language[.]

The Examiner asserts that WO 01/94566 falls within 102(e), and is therefore a competent reference against the instant application, because the serial number for WO 01/94566 is PCT/US01/26687. Apparently, the Examiner believes that, because WO 01/94566 was filed in the US receiving office under the PCT, that WO 01/94566 therefore designates the United States.

However, an international application can be filed in the US receiving office without designating the United States. Here, an inspection of the face page of WO 01/94566 shows that the United States was indeed ***not*** a designated state, even though the application was filed in the US receiving office. A copy of the face page of WO

01/94566 in enclosed, with an underscore in section (81) "Designated States" showing that the designation "US" is absent from the alphabetical listing of designated states.

This comports with the enclosed "Family Legal Status" printout obtained from the Delphion electronic database entry for WO 01/94566. Again, underscores are provided on the second page of this printout, showing that the designation "US" is absent from the alphabetical listing of designated states.

Thus, WO 01/94566 is *not* a competent reference against the instant application under 25 USC 102(e), because it did *not* designate the United States. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 2 over WO 01/94566 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are believed in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

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
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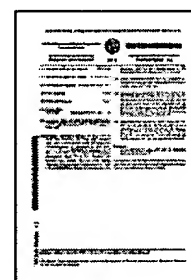
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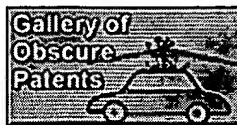
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